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Candidate Supports Community

Dear Editor:

I hope you will be able to vote for me on November 3 for the Sacramento City Unified School Board. As you know I have always been supportive of the gay community. In fact, I just sent off a letter to the State Credentials Committee in support of a gay teacher that they say is a "threat to children" and are trying to take his credential away from him. You know the gay community can always count on my support.

Your friend,
Melody Harding

Repudiate Corporations?

Dear Editor,

Re: the News Clip about gay and lesbian artists showcased in a "ground breaking Absolut vodka ad spread"

The editors were not thinking clearly (I hope) when they decided to print this blurb. What is so ground breaking about a major corporation whitewashing their product in the hippest contemporary shade (being in this case lavender)? Do you recognize or care about the effects of alcoholism? What if Mr. Spada and friends came flying out of a pack of Marlboro's? How about Spada on the nose of a stealth bomber? Would those be triumphs?

Clear your heads and look at the broader picture. Something like the Domestic Partners ordinance is a victory, not the co-optation of gays and lesbians by corporate advertising. To celebrate this acceptance of gay and lesbian culture by major corporations is to ignore what corporations are about, and so to sell out labor, the environment, everyone screwed over by big business thuggery. What I thought the struggle for gay rights meant was a struggle for basic human rights. Repudiate corporations, don't suck up to them.

Marty Cooper

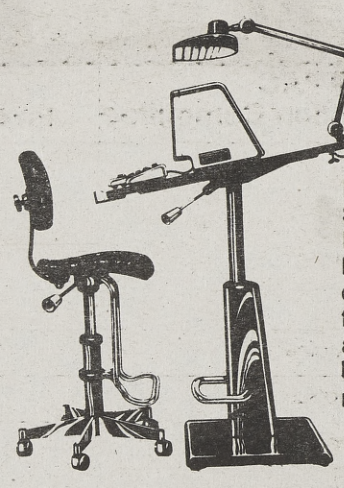
Unauthorized Security Guard

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter you printed in the October 15 issue. The letter was from Hans Huber and friends. It spoke of a female security guard wearing all black. This woman is not a security guard. She comes out and patrols the area on her own time. And I would bet that if you were to ask any of the security guards at any of the local bars they would all say they would much rather she not be there at all. She seems to cause more problems than anyone. I know that some people have "lovingly" nicknamed her "Rambitch."

I urge anyone who has been assaulted or harassed by this woman (we all know who she is) to file charges against her with the police department.

Thank you,
Christina Lemon



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I hope your lives are happy and fulfilling, and that you easily meet all of your deadlines.

Regards,
K.D.

Guard Responds

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter in the October 15 issue of MGW titled, "Security Guards."

I am head of security for the bars and we do not have a 'woman in black' working with us. She is a neighborhood vigilante who has no official role for any of the bars in the area.

As for being harassed by some of the security, please report any incidents to me and I will work with you to solve the problem.

Thank you,
Wayne A. Whitlow
Security Guard

Services Cut

Dear Editor,

It became evident the cuts made by the Governor, something like 12% of the county in home support services for the disabled. It gets worse when the county asks each person disabled by AIDS to reapply for Medi-Cal!

County officials seem to want to duplicate the screening process all over again. On the federal level, Social Security, the disabled face a share of cost for medicare averaging another $32. Over all $64 for health care benefits to be faced by the terminally ill or disabled ARC or AIDS victims. While I realize the state of California is in a sad shape, why did Governor Wilson decide to attack the poor, the sick, and the elderly to repair the disaster created by inept idiots in political power? Sacramento are you listening?

David Andrews

An Open Letter to the Japanese American Community

Dear Friends,

On November 3, voters in the states of Oregon and Colorado will consider ballot initiatives with profound implications for the traditional American values of fairness and equality. If adopted, Measure 9 on the Oregon ballot and Amendment 2 on the Colorado ballot would relegate the gay and lesbian residents of those states to second-class citizenship.

For Americans of Japanese ancestry, these initiatives should seem frighteningly familiar. Just as racial exclusion laws, property ownership restrictions, anti-miscegenation laws and limits on job opportunities were designed to deny us our rights as Americans, these initatives would require the states of Oregon and Colorado to take officially hostile positions toward their gay and lesbian citizens.

We remember a time, a half-century ago, when weak political leaders used as scapegoats. We remember the costs to our community and to our Constitution. Even after 50 years, the scars of those experiences continue to affect members of our community.

Our successful fight to redress the injustice of our evacuation and internment during the Second World War had two purposes: to gain official recognition that our rights as Americans were violated and, equally important, to ensure that such a gross violation of civil liberties should never happen again in this country.

As history's witnesses to the damage such measures can do, Americans of Japanese ancestry cannot afford to ignore the implications of Measure 9 and Amendment 2. If they are adopted, a group of our fellow citizens will once again be declared less than fully American and their rights attacked as a matter of official government policy.

In the weeks leading up to the November 3 election, we believe that the Japanese American community must make its opposition to these initiatives clear and unequivocal.

We urge all Americans of Japanese ancestry to join us, and to add their voices to those who are fighting these attempts to enshrine official discrimination and bigotry in the constitutions of Oregon and Colorado.

Sincerely,
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Summary of Responses

President Questionnaire

President George Bush
Governor Bill Clinton

How would you use the Presidency to provide leadership on AIDS?
Clinton: Make AIDS a priority and encourage legislation.
Bush: No response.

How would you fight politicians using AIDS to polarize and stigmatize?
Clinton: Will not tolerate divisive politics.
Bush: No response. Said in speech "We're in a fight against a disease, not a fight against people"; has been silent on Helms gay-bashing.

What is your position on universal access to health insurance?
Clinton: Favors universal care, no pre-existing conditions, cost controls, increased access.
Bush: Supports own plan put forward in the spring of 1992.

Do you support prescription drug coverage as part of a health plan?
Clinton: Supports plan to control drug prices.
Bush: His health care plan does not include such coverage.

Do you support explicit targeted education?
Clinton: Yes.
Bush: Administration cut condom ads in most recent "America Responds to AIDS" campaign.

Do you support treatment on demand for drug users?
Clinton: Yes.
Bush: No response.

In the absence of treatment, do you support needle exchange programs?
Clinton: Would "review all possible options".
Bush: No response.

Do you support reopening the budget agreement to allow savings from reduced Defense spending to be allocated to Domestic Programs?
Clinton: Yes.
Bush: Does not support reopening budget agreement.

Should funding for AIDS programs keep pace with the epidemic?
Clinton: Yes.
Bush: No response; his budget requests have not kept pace.

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	Dist. #4	No endorsement	No endorsement	No Endorsement
Sacramento City Council,	Dist. #8	Michael Reyna	Michael Reyna	
City: Family Diversity Resolution		Yes PASSED!!	Yes PASSED!!	Yes PASSED!!
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)		Peter Keat	Peter Keat	

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Nazis Attack Lesbians, Farm

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Douglas Co., Ore. -- Seven of the women were huddled together for safety in the remote Oregon farm house when gunfire shattered the night peace. One of their number was outside and was, obviously in grave danger. A woman grabbed a shotgun, went outside and fired into the air. The attackers fled and the nightsounds of the crickets and frogs began to throb again in the night. Scenes from a movie in a new terrorist/horror genre? No. It is the new reality for lesbians and gays in Douglas County, Oregon.

If Christian Coalition's Yes On 9 initiative passes in November, that reality will be the same for all lesbians and gays in the state of Oregon. A similar initiative, also sponsored by right-wing religious groups is on the ballot in Colorado. It's all too possible that by November it will be legal to discriminate against lesbians and gay men. Jobs and housing will no longer be safe. Landlords will be subject to pressure to evict gay and lesbian tenants. All mention of them will be obliterated in books, schools, libraries and other institutions. All access to fight back is blocked by the wording of the initiatives. The time and resources of the gay and lesbian community will be engaged in appealing the initiative to higher courts -- if they can.

The homophobic rhetoric and hate campaign which has been engaged to ensure passage of the Oregon initiative has awakened a companion force -- violence. Some observers expect the violence against lesbians and gays to escalate as election day draws near. Already the No On 9 office has been vandalized repeatedly. A gay man from Oregon who appeared on the Phil Donahue show returned home to ruined apartment. The Christian Coalition and proponents for Yes on 9 will have to take responsibility for unleashing destructive forces against a basically peace-loving community of men and women the like of which has not been seen since Germany's Weimar Republic.

The gunfire in Douglas County was the culmination of months-long harassment and terrorist tactics against a womyns' commune on Womynsland, a farm in southern Oregon. The land is owned by lesbians. Two are Jews. One of the Jewish women, Ruth, is also disabled and a person of color. Other women who share the property live in outlying cabins. They have a truck garden for food and barter and are craftspeople and artisans. They live peacefully and simply, with no electricity or running water except in the main house.

It started on July 18 with two large sticks and a number seven pool ball stuffed into the rural mailbox one mile and a half from the main house. On July 27 a note in the mailbox read, "Lezzy Queer Nigger-Jews Die Young!!" The note was made with a stencil, red marker, had a strange smiley face design and swastikas all over it.

One of the women, only willing to be identified as M.M., said, "From that day on there were daily harassments and threats -- calls to the house and signs of them coming closer and closer to the house. The area is very remote, isolated, there are no houses and neighbors near by. Some women were followed down the road by a truck -- a friend who came to visit and give support was followed home and found her headlights smashed the following morning," M.M. said.

The second note in the mailbox said, "Hey Nigger-Jew We Are Coming To Get You!!! We Are (swastika) Power. We Are Watching YOU!!!" As with the other notes it was illustrated with swastikas and the eerie little smiley face.

M.M. said, "We reported the written threats and the telephone calls to the local police. But one of the officers was of the opinion that the threats possibly came from `a rejected lesbian.' That kind of thinking really made us feel even more isolated and unsafe. We weren't sure about confiding in anyone - because the system seemed to be stacked against us." M.M. doesn't know whether local police reported the death threats received in the mailbox to the postal authorities or whether reports were made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation based on civil rights violations.

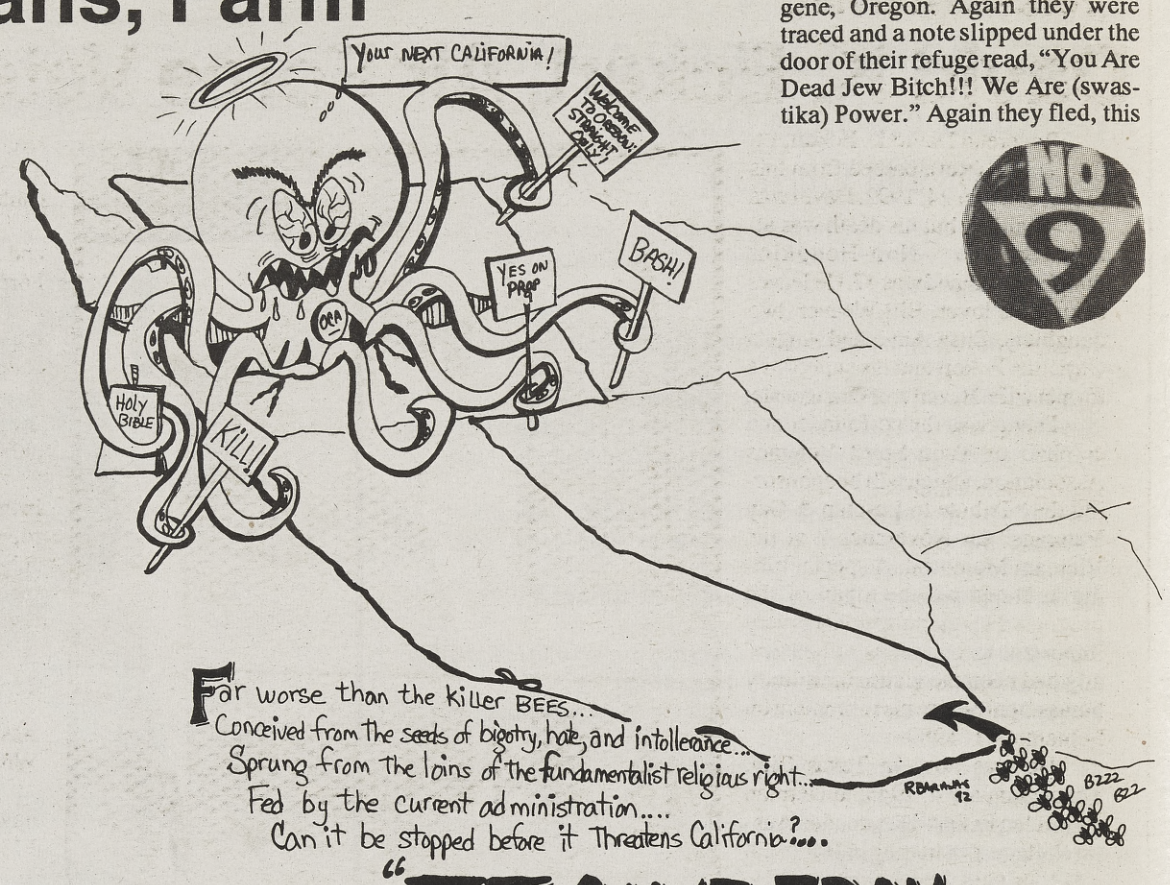
"Then a third death threat was left on the road closer to the house and after the fourth death threat was found they painted a swastika on the door of the farmhouse," M.M. said.

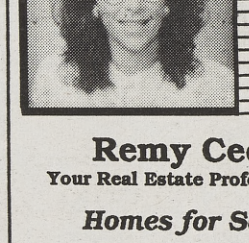
At 9:20 p.m. on the night of August 3 the women heard noises in the dark and banded together in the farmhouse. More noises and yells were heard from the wooded area bordering the road. At 9:30 p.m., unable to stand the stress any longer, Ruth grabbed a rifle and left the house to investigate. Six shots were fired at her by three men standing in the trees. All missed. Ruth fired her rifle at the muzzle flashes in the dark but peace did not prevail until the authoritative boom of the shotgun was heard. The noise provided Ruth with enough cover to get back to the house.

"We packed our things right then," M.M. said, "and we left books and everything and just fled for our lives."

The women went to a "safe-house" in Roseburg, Oregon. A few hours later they found a note telling them they had been traced. Again they fled, this time to Eugene, Oregon. Again they were traced and a note slipped under the door of their refuge read, "You Are Dead Jew Bitch!!! We Are (swastika) Power." Again they fled, this time to the Bay Area where some remain in hiding.

Currently at the farm, friends have taken residence and are mounting a 24-hour security presence. But the women need help and money. In California messages may be sent to 5337 College Ave., Suite #122, Oakland, CA 94613. In Oregon address the Oregon Womyn's Support Network/Susan Thielle, P.O. Box 1585 Eugene, OR 97440. Calls may be made to a message phone in the Bay Area at area code 510, 486-8979.▼





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Tireless Activist:

David K. Eckert, Air Force Veteran Dies

Reverend David K. Eckert, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret), passed from this life on October 24, 1992. David was HIV-positive, but his death was attributed to Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. David was 47. He leaves behind his lover, Bill Weaver, two daughters, Elisa Anne and Angela Christine Eckert and his supportive former wife, Beverly, of Orangevale.

David was the co-founder and co-chair of Twin Spirit Veterans Association, which will be sponsoring the "Tribute to Lesbian & Gay Veterans" on November 7 at the Vietnam Memorial. A special tribute to David will be a part of the program. This organization was very important to David, as he personally had been the victim of military harassment before his retirement on September 1, 1989.

He was born in Texas City, Texas, January 4, 1945, to Herman and Helen Eckert. He attended Austin College, graduating in 1967 with a BA in Classical Languages. He then attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary from 1967 to 1969, with the intent on entering the ministry, but joined the Air Force instead, earning his pilot wings by November 1970.

He had a distinguished military career, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, an Outstanding Unit Award, the National Defense Medal, and expert ribbons in the .38 caliber revolver and M-16.

— David K. Eckert —
Speaking in 1992 at the first Tribute to Gay and Lesbian Veterans at the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial at the State Capitol.

David was a 20-year veteran and was a pilot at McClellan Air Force Base.

In 1986 he was investigated by the Air Force for a court martial on sodomy and conduct unbecoming an officer charges. All charges were dropped and he received an honorable discharge.

David was licensed as a pastor in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in July 1991. He was the Interim Pastor of Delta Harvest M.C.C., Stockton, and very active in Sacramento's River City Metropolitan Church, also.

David was a reporter, and an Associate Editor at Mom Guess What Newspaper this past year.

Memorial services will be Sunday, November 8, 4pm, River City Metropolitan Community Church at Broadway at 3rd. There will be another service in Stockton during the third week of November. Call Bill Weaver at 446-6405 for exact details.

Remembrances should be sent to Twin Spirit Veterans Association, Delta Harvest M.C.C., Stockton, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, or Sacramento C.A.R.E.S.▼

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Tribute To Honor Gay/Lesbian Veterans

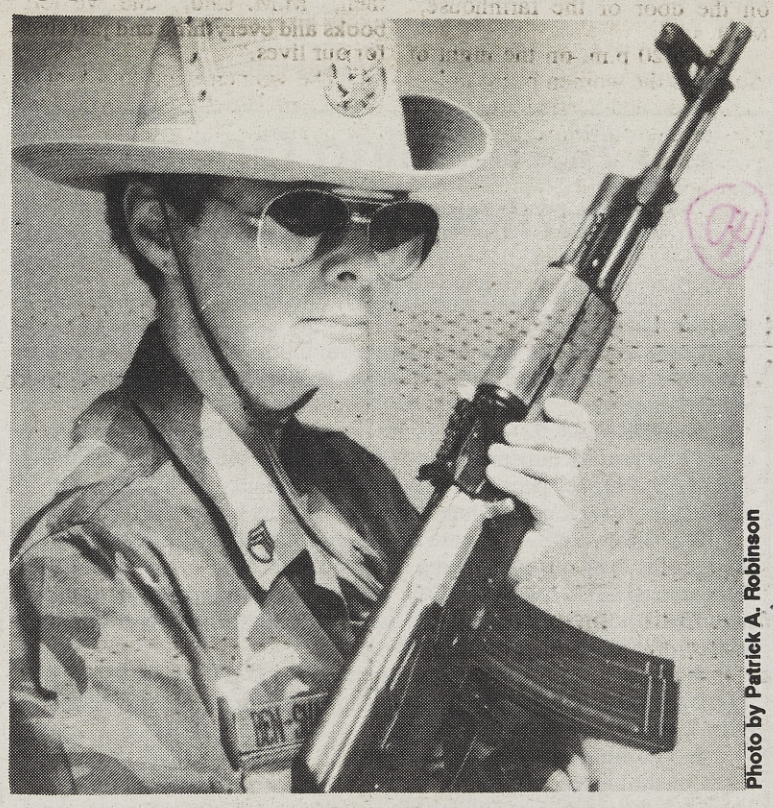
A tribute to honor gay and lesbian veterans will be held Saturday, November 7th at 11am at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Capitol Park, near L and 15th streets.

Noted activist and founder of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Veterans of America, SSg. Miriam Ben-Shalom, based in Milwaukee, will journey to Sacramento to address the gathering. She has devoted 17 years to the repeal of DOD Policy 1332.14. Under this policy, members can be discharged for mere statements of homosexuality, as well as sexual activity.

Former Petty Officer, Keith Meinhold, who "came out" on Peter Jennings national news program, and founded the Bay Area Military Freedom Project, will also speak. Meinhold's Navy career was taken from him under a policy which has resulted in the persecution of thousands of people each year.

Senator Leroy Greene and Mayor-Elect Joe Serna, Jr. will round out the program. Vocalist, Marie Fitts, and the Sacramento Women's Choir and Sacramento Men's Chorus will perform.

A Buffet/Reception will be held from 1 to 3 pm, at the MCC Grand Ballroom, 34th at Broadway. The public is invited to meet the honored guests there. It will be hosted by the Lambda Community Center, and RCMCC's Twin Spirit Veterans Association.



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SSg. Miriam Ben-Shalom

Those, who are uncomfortable because of possible military persecution, can join the "Brown Bag Brigade" as some did last year, covering their heads with grocery bags. This act alone impressed the news media to the serious implications of this civil rights issue which affects us all.

It is hoped that the community will join forces November 7th to honor their lesbian and gay brothers and sisters who have, and are serving in the military. The Tribute is sponsored by the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council and made possible by support from Sports Leisure Travel, the Grand Duke, J.P. Licuri and R & D MicroGraphix.t

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HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox
AIDS EDITOR

The Magic is Back ...

Basketball great Magic Johnson is keeping HIV disease in the spotlight, where it desperately needs to be. He resigned at the end of September from the President's AIDS Commission, saying the Bush administration has shamefully ignored the AIDS epidemic, and that he will cast a Democratic vote. Three days later, he announced he was going back to work, 11 months after he'd resigned from the Lakers on his physician's advice that he should avoid contact sports. His comeback is a triumph that smashes stereotypes of those who assume people with HIV disease are too sick to pursue a normal life. It also brings visibility to National Basketball Association officials who have no guidelines on players with HIV disease. Their assumption that Magic is the only one is ridiculous, as is their lack of safety guidelines for treating bleeding players.

Wildfire in Drug Community ...

Six times more drug users in Sacramento are carrying and spreading the HIV virus than previously thought, warn local AIDS researchers and officials of the County Health Department. Large numbers of infected young women are spreading the virus heterosexually and increasing the number of children with HIV disease or a dying mother. Worse, it's very difficult to convince this group of citizens to change their behavior. One former drug user, now with AIDS, says "I saw blood that came out of another man's body going right into mine, but my self-esteem was so low, I just didn't care." Nearly 85 percent of both male and female drug users surveyed say they regularly share needles, but only 17 percent say they regularly use condoms even though they have a large number of partners.

Prop 161 on November Ballot...

Nearly 600,000 people signed petitions to qualify Proposition 161, the "Death with Dignity Initiative," for California's November ballot. Proponents say the legislation is needed to give terminally ill, mentally competent adults the right to request and receive a physician's aid in dying — if they have made the request on at least two occasions and if their physician says they have less than six months to live. The act prohibits discrimination by insurance companies or others in considering the death a suicide, and safeguards physicians from criminal, civil, or administrative liability. Opponents say that predicting when a person has six months to live can be alarmingly imprecise, and fear that individuals with clinical depression may request death before coming out of a depression that could have been treated. For more information from sponsors of the bill, contact "Californians Against Human Suffering" in Los Angeles at 213-937-6295.

Safe Sex Video Contest Announced. The San Francisco AIDS Foundation announced an Erotic Safe Sex Video Contest, co-sponsored by Frameline, responsible for the annual San Francisco International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival. Anyone is welcome to enter the Contest.▼

Thanks to Gay Cowboys, Cowgirls ...

Contestants in a local contest recently donated all the money they collected to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, CARES, and the Fairy Godfathers Fund. Congratulations (and thanks!) to Mr. Gay Cowboy John Molnar, Miss Gay Cowgirl Lady Kathy, and Ms. Gay Cowgirl Maggie Moore.

Another Celebrity Fights AIDS...

Ballet great Rudolf Nureyev, who had to be supported by friends as he walked to the Paris premiere of his choreography of "La Bayadere," has AIDS. The Russian dancer is 54.

Some Hotline Data Faulty ...

Volunteers on some AIDS hotlines have inadequate training and counseling experience, according to a recent survey. Callers are getting incorrect advice and answers to safe-sex questions, and callers sometimes get different answers to the same question from the same hot line. Experts say they're not surprised; there has been no system instituted for quality control of hotlines.▼

Do Something Good ... Volunteer Your Time

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation is looking for people who want to make a little magic.

Come and join us this year, as we put on the biggest and the best fundraising events in Sacramento. Committees for our four major events are forming now.

- **AIDS Walk 93** — This is the Foundation's premier fundraising event. Last year Sacramento raised $140,000 for people with HIV Disease and AIDS. We need people to help organize corporate teams, work with vendors for donations, and help recruit the hundreds of volunteers.
- **1% for AIDS** — We are asking area businesses to donate 1% of their profits from one day, during the week of December 1st. The 1st is International AIDS Awareness Day. We need folks who are willing to help recruit local businesses, and who are business people themselves. We want to see a 1% sticker in every shop window.
- **Special Gifts** — People hold parties in their homes, and ask their guests to make a donation to the Foundation. All the events will be held over one week in December.
- **The Bike Event** — Bike enthusiasts we need you! We are going to put on the biggest and the best bike event in Sacramento's history. The best food, folks, and fun. This is a big event that needs heavy planing, and as many as five volunteers for each participant.

Call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at 448-2437 and ask for Beth Coleman.▼

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media watch

WGBH Slashes Portrait of a Marriage

The British TV series Portrait 'of a Marriage began airing on public television on July 19 as part of the Masterpiece Theatre series. The film, about two British lesbian writers, Vita Sackville-West and Violet Trefusis, was broadcast locally by KQED. KQED will predictably receive lesbophobic complaints because of the film's subject matter, and its scenes of lesbian passion (no more racy than the heterosexual passion that is a daily staple of network television). If you saw the series, you may thank KQED for broadcasting it by writing to Antonio Tiano, President, KQED-TV, 2601 Mariposa St., San Francisco CA 941 10, tel. 415-553-2100.

On the other hand, those who saw Portrait at last year's Lesbian and Gay Film Festival may have noticed some disturbing differences in the broadcast version, which was

by Amy Cunningham.

The story chronicled the two women's coming out, their relationship, the difficulties and triumphs in helping their families overcome homophobia, and their courageous decision to attend the prom together. We learned of the insults and taunts, as well as the support, the women received from fellow students. There was something for women of all ages and sexual orientations to learn in this story.

Support *Glamour*'s responsibility and courage by writing to Barbara Coffey, Managing Editor, Glamour, 350 Madison Avenue, New York NY 10017, fax 212-880-6922.

Bay Area Business Directory

On Your Marks Publishing Co. released the second issue of the Business Women's Directory, a listing of women-owned businesses in the Bay Area. It is printed twice a year and is useful as a reference guide for anyone interested in supporting and using women's businesses and services. It is available free in various bay area business establishments, through subscription and by direct mail distribution. The deadline for listing in the January 1993 issue is November 10, 1992. For inquiries call 510-601-2046.

On your Marks is a small publishing company which has also published Coupon Connection, a discount coupon book of woman-owned businesses, which raises money for the Women's Cancer Resource Center in Oakland. Anna L. Marks, owner, is an experienced electronic publisher, and in addition to her own business has worked for several years as a layout artist for local magazines and book publishers.

"While working on the coupon book, I discovered that women tend to be more service oriented than retail oriented, and decided a directory would better serve the needs of woman business owners. As the number of women's businesses in the area increases, many realize the importance and benefits of marketing and networking, and are looking for solutions that will work for them." Marks continues, "The Business Women's Directory is cost accessible and provides an excellent opportunity for women business owners to promote themselves effectively. Individuals, Small businesses, state contractors and corporations looking to hire women-owned businesses now have an easy way to find them."▼

Tri-Valley Herald

The lead editorial in the August 9 Tri-Valley Herald, a Pleasanton based newspaper, condemned the recent decision by BART to "tend health benefits to partners of lesbian and gay employees. Under the headline "BART decision is discriminatory," the paper argued that the decision "panders to the homosexual population in San Francisco at the expense of taxpayers throughout the three-county BART area." It also said that in giving partners of lesbian and gay employees the same benefits as legal spouses of heterosexuals, the BART directors "deliberately discriminated against heterosexuals and singled out gay and lesbian couples for special—and, for our part, entirely unwarranted—treatment."

Not only did the paper ignore the fact that the decision attempts to redress a legal injustice—that lesbian and gay people are barred from legal marriage and from all the special privileges that go with it; it pandered to homophobia by pretending that the "homosexual population in San Francisco" is wasting the money of good tax-paying heterosexuals.

You may respond to this garbage by writing to Letters to the Editor, The Tri-Valley Herald, P.O. Box 10367, Pleasanton CA 94588-0367, fax 510-734-8043.

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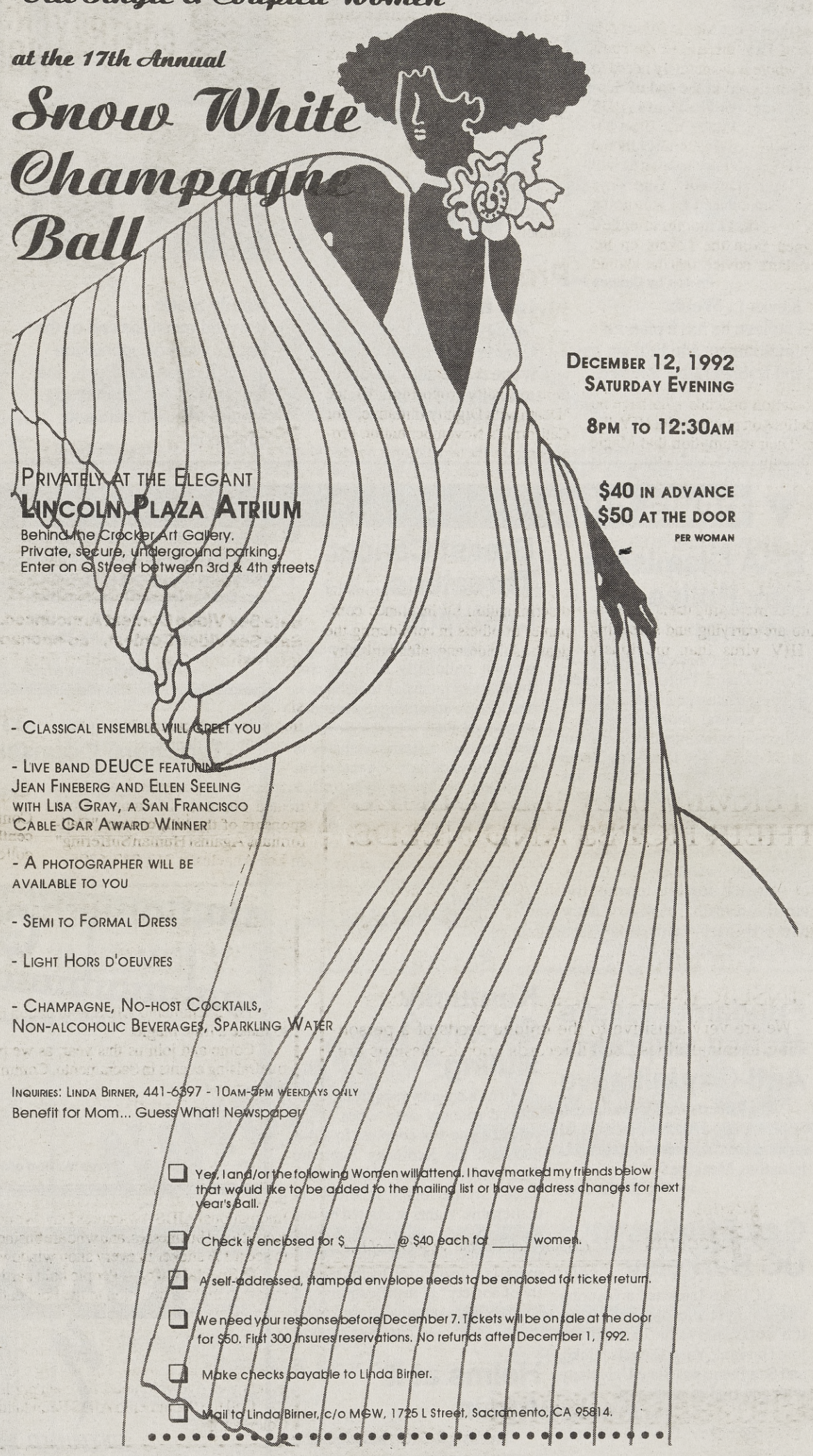

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street talk

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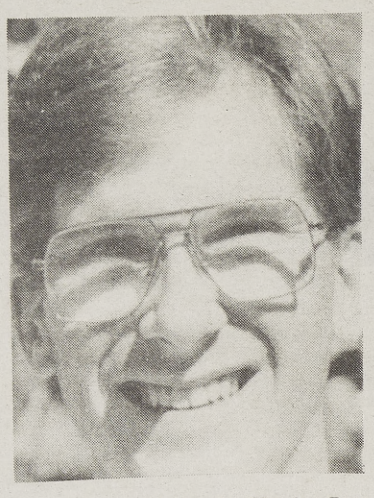
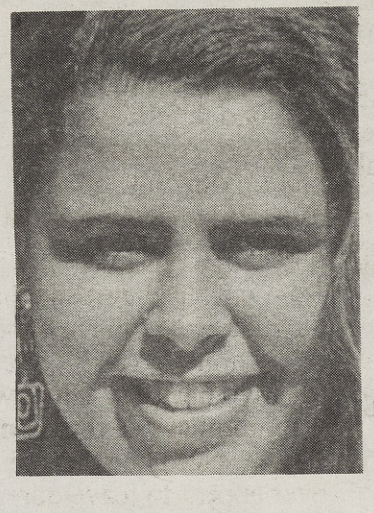
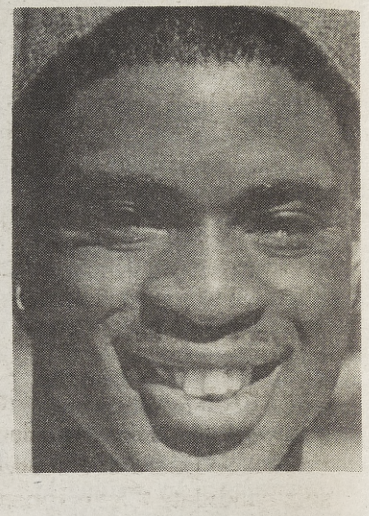
Asked at the March on the State Capitol







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Kevin L. Webb
I believe he has a plan for employment and he'll get gay and lesbian rights initiated.

Lisa Kenton
I believe were closer with Clinton to freedom of gays, women and third world minorities. And he's better than Bush.

Randy Steele
It would mean the end of the last 12 years of oppression under Reagan and Bush, and the possibility of redirecting monies to health care and education.

Teree Lewis
Finally women and gays will be able to exercise their first amendment rights, and of course, Choice, Choice, Choice!

Victor Alexander
It represents a change from the Republicans and gives us an opportunity to expand gay and lesbian rights.

news clips

BSA Dismisses Gay Police Advisor

Officer Chuck Merino, 37, of the El Cajon Police Department publicly discussed his sexual orientation several months ago at a Hillcrest community meeting about hate crimes. The local Boy Scout council sent Merino, who has worked with the Explorer program for the past 5 years, a letter dated August 25 informing him he no longer meets "the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth." Merino, with the support of the El Cajon Police Chief Jack Smith, plans to appeal.

— The SF Sentinel

Fundamentalist's Money Supports Anti-Gay Initiative

Pat Robertson, TV evangelist, is providing $20,000 of financial support for Oregon's anti-gay rights initiative, Measure 9.

— The SF Sentinel

Gay Studies at UC Berkeley

UCB has launched a yearlong test of a gay studies program which, if it works, allows the university to join Harvard, Yale, Rutgers, Duke, and San Francisco State University with gay studies programs.

— The SF Sentinel

New Reference Book Out

Putting Out Books, a small press in San Francisco, founded in 1990, published its first edition of *Putting Out: A Publishing Resource Guide for Lesbian & Gay Writers*, a reference book with over 250 book publishing, newspaper, magazine, journal, and theatre markets for lesbian and gay writers and playwrights.

The firm has released a 1992/1993 Supplement to the 1991 edition, with more than 95 new markets for lesbian and gay writers.

Information: Putting Out Books, 2215-R Market St., #113, San Francisco 94114, (415) 621-5766.▼

Breast Cancer Threatens Lesbians

While an estimated one in eight women nationally will develop breast cancer, the risk to lesbians is one in three according to a recently completed study which claims that lesbians have a strong tendency to fall into several high risk categories including: not having given birth, a higher percentage of body fat, a higher dependency on alcohol, an avoidance of regular gynecology health care and mammograms, and a failure to perform breast self-exams regularly.

— The Washington Blade

Kentucky Sodomy Law Ruling

The Kentucky sodomy law prohibited sodomy only when it involved same-sex couples. In a 4-3 decision, the Kentucky Supreme Court wrote, "Equal rights under the law ... is part of the 'inherent and inalienable' rights protected by our Kentucky Constitution." The court rejected the idea that "the level of moral indignation felt by the majority of society" is justification for a sodomy law as applied to gays only.

— The Washington

Helms at it Again

Helms' (R-N.C.) has urged the Senate to remove from the federal workers' annual fundraising campaign any charity that fails to uphold the ban on gays, lesbians, and atheists by BSA. While Helms' amendment attached to the annual spending bill for the Department of Health and Human Services is expected to be removed during negotiations with the House, another Helms' amendment to ban federal spending on school counseling programs for gay and lesbian youth was adopted by voice vote.

— Sentinel

Helms Loses One

An amendment to prevent federal money from being used to help gay youth to overcome drug abuse was added by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) to the Higher Education bill. However, the amendment was deleted by a House-Senate conference committee, and President Bush signed the final version — sans Helms' amendment — into law in July.

— The Washington Blade

NGLTF Gets New Director

Los Angeles Lesbian activist Torie Osborn has been hired to replace Urvashi Vaid as NGLTF's executive director effective March 15, 1993. Osborn has a BA in English and an MBA in finance and marketing and has headed the LA Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center for the past 4½ years.

— Bay Area Reporter

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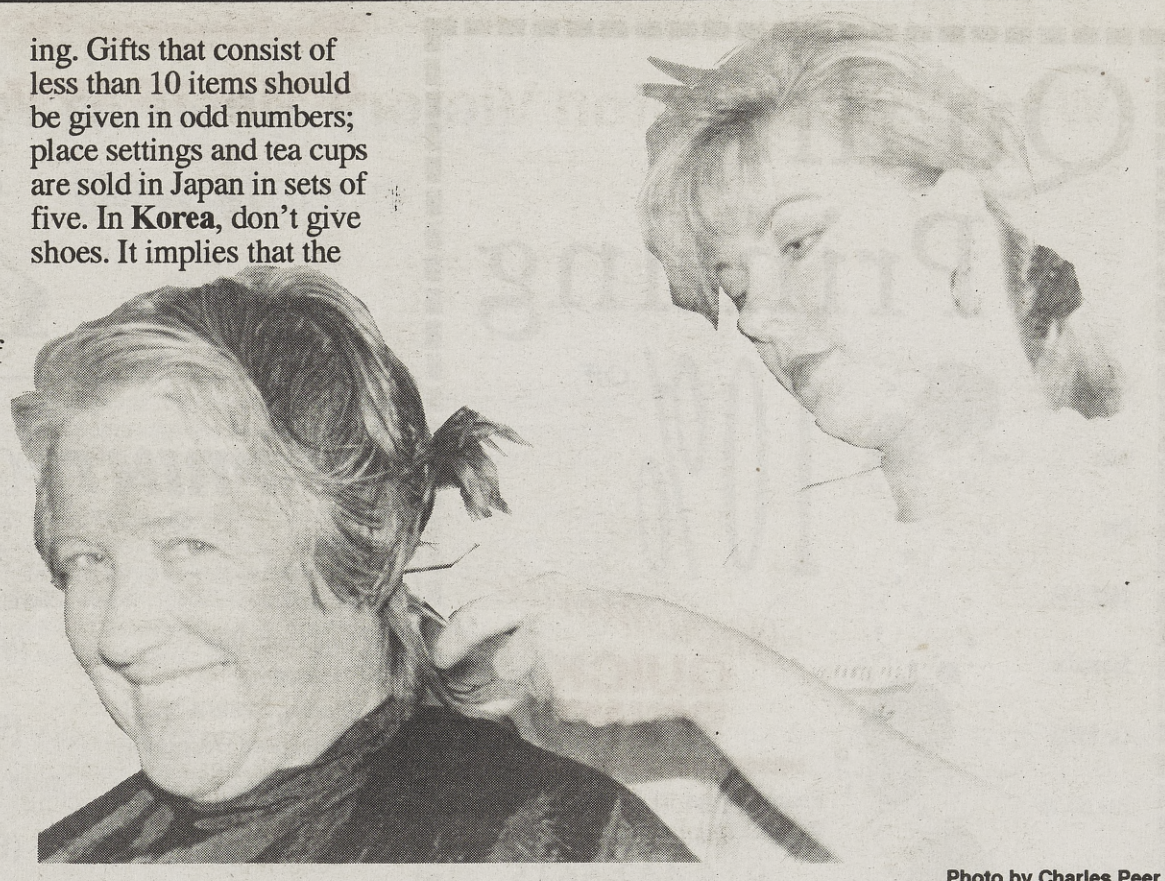
By John Batchelor
Of MGW Staff

As **MGW** begins its 15th year, it represents another milestone for all of us. It's a time to examine how we live, how we treat others and what the futured holds for us. Continue to strive for personal success and community success! ● Many thanks to **Dennis Mangers, Tim Whalen, Marty Martinez** and **Phil Kennedy** for trying to have a fundraiser for San Francisco Board of Supervisors candidate **Cleve Jones**. The event was cancelled due to lack of RSVP. ● The first annual gay and lesbian **film festival** was an overwhelming success. The sheer excitement inside the theatre was incredible and electrifying beyond words. Not one seat was empty in thehuge theatre. Even the volunteers had to stand or sit in the aisles. Until next year! ● MGW reader **Tim Pauls** wrote to the Sacramento Bee recently. The letter was aimed at comments made by congressional candidate **H.L. "Bill"B Richardson**. The letter made a good point. However, many writers are cautious about using the word "lifestyle." The word is often misinterpreted. Orientation hits the mark in so many ways. It avoids the perception of choice in the matter. Please everyone keep writing. ● Also in the Sacramento Bee, **Street Talk** asked shoppers at Safeway how they intended to vote in the presidential election. It surprised me that every respondent picked **Bill Clinton**. As part of the small poll, **Linda Rutledge**, vice president of a property management company, also agreed with the others. Mr. Flash hopes this sentiment carries over to November 3 ● Oh how we will miss **Mayor Anne Rudin**. Not once did she ever appear to leave our side. She was a strong voice for Sacramento and an incredible woman in general. Hopefully she won't retire for too long! Rudin was recently honored at a reception at Faces ● And speaking of mayors, **Mayor-Elect Joe Serna** and **Senator Leroy Greene** headline a tribute to lesbian and gay veterans on November 7. The event takes place at the Vietnam Memorial in Capitol Park on Saturday morning. A buffet follows at the RC-MCC Grand Ballroom ● Thinking about giving some gifts to your overseas friends ... In **Italy**, don't give chrysanthemums — they're symbols of mourning. And avoid giving anything purple, the color of death. With **Chinese**, avoid writing in red ink, red means you're cutting off a friendship. In the **Arab** world, don't send a card with a picture of your family; Moslems regard the family as a private matter. Don't give food, which may offend an Arab's sense of hospitality. With the **Japanese**, avoid the numbers 4 and 9 anywhere on gifts since they connote death and suffering. Gifts that consist of less than 10 items should be given in odd numbers; place settings and tea cups are sold in Japan in sets of five. In **Korea**, don't give shoes. It implies that the giver wishes to kick the person receiving the gift ● The **15th California Men's Gathering** (CMG) was an extended weekend to remember in Saratoga. **Matt Lund, Doug wylie, Mark Whisler** and yours truly all car pooled to the event. The workshops, entertainment and recreation were all part of the package, Also, just having three meals a day is a luxury to me. Stay tuned for the next CMG in spring ● And speaking of gatherings, there's several women's cruisies planned in 1993. **Olivia Women's Cruises and Resorts** starts off with the Mexican Riviera cruise in February. Call 1-800-631-6277 for more details ● There's a new boy in town from **Austin, Texas**. The mysterious **"Rick"** has only been in Sacramento barely two months. In that short time he's working on boyfriend number three! All future ex-lovers beware ● Congratulations to **John Barry Sabin** and many other artists for a successful run of "Fathom & Fantasy." The multi-media art show ran through October at the **Where 2** gallery ● Until mid-November, stand proud, stand tall .....

John▼



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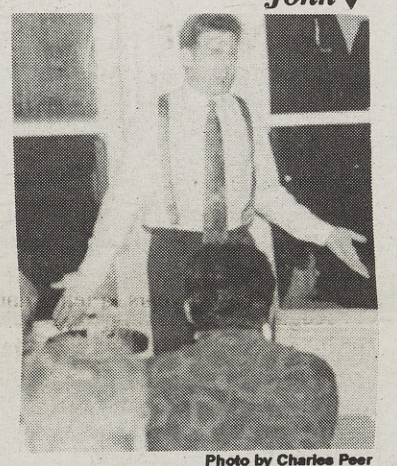
Stylist Tamera Bourland cuts Barbara Boysen's hair in the Sacramento AIDS Foundations Cut-A-Thon held at Progressive Image Hair Art. Jamea Garlinger said that the Cut-A-Thon raised $870 for the foundation and that five stylists volunteered their time.



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Singer Michael Jackson belts out Gershwin to the delight of the crowd at the newly remodeled Cafe Lambda.

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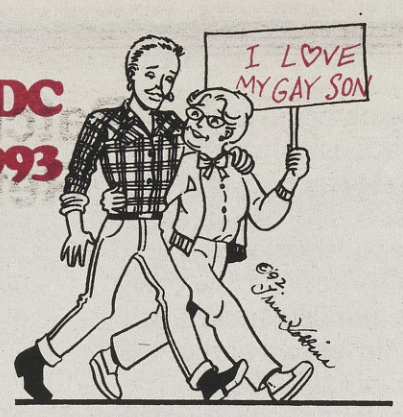

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Patchwork Monument Reflects Spreading Devastation

by Sonya Cox
AIDS EDITOR

The Quilt. Each panel the size of a grave. Twenty thousand of them bound together in 24-foot squares, blooming like bright flowers surrounding the Washington Monument, a poignant bouquet reflecting our grief for the AIDS dead.

The Quilt. Sounds like a prayer, the word itself always said softly and with respect, leaving you with a lump in your throat, as images of its magnificence flash through your mind. And there it lay, at the back door of the White House, in full view of an Administration that has treated most of those remembered by the panels as if they weren't quite Americans. Columbus Day weekend, 1992. The Nation's Capitol discovers America.

Photo by Sonya Cox

As the last panel was set out, 4,100 volunteers dressed in white encircled the 15 acre quilt and led one quarter million visitors in two minutes of silence.

"We know that you are our enemy. We will count the days and we will bring you down," NAMES PROJECT founder Cleve Jones said to the current administration at the ceremony following the candlelight procession the day The Quilt was laid out.

A crowd of tens of thousands lined the edges of a Reflecting Pool that mirrored their candlelight, glowing for the Nation to see. The highly political speeches capped a peaceful day that had gotten off to a late start waiting for the morning sun to dry out the ground from the previous day's rain. Over 400,000 people came to see the Quilt during the scheduled three-day event, even though Friday's rain caused that day's unfolding to be completely canceled. By Saturday morning, the anticipation of the crowd was spell-binding. They waited patiently around the Quilt, watching volunteers lay it down. When the last section was set out, organizers called for two minutes of silence "for those commemorated in the Quilt and the millions not yet there." Not a sound was heard from the 250,000 people who had come that morning. And then, as the reading of the 26,988 names of the dead was begun, the crowd streamed onto the walkways crisscrossing the panels, Flowers were placed next to names; friends wept and held one another. Across the street, activists handed out literature and added red dye to the fountains, making it appear as if blood were running down the sidewalks surrounding the Monument. On the other side of the grounds, two homeless men who live on the streets of D.C. sang soulful songs and played their flutes. "We've known at least 100 people who've died of AIDS," they say.

To one side of the Monument grounds, an area had been set aside in case visitors brought new Quilt panels with them. No one imagined that nearly 2,000 new panels would come in that first day. Volunteers logged them in, pinned them together and gently laid them out, creating a second display, next to the stage where the names of those lost were continually read, that was as heart-rending as the formally displayed panels.

The magic of the Quilt was in full gear on Sunday as it rained nearly everywhere throughout the D.C. area except on the Monument grounds, allowing thousands more to see the display. About three o'clock that afternoon, the clouds were at their bursting point over the Monument grounds and, as the first drops sprinkled down, every visitor and volunteer was called upon to immediately fold the panels and cover them with plastic. Fifteen acres of the Quilt was folded and shielded from the rain in less than two minutes.

A flickering light can show the way through the deepest darkness, they say. Seeing the Quilt makes you believe this, and not despair. Just as each panel is hooked to the next, so we can believe that each individual doing his or her small part can make a difference.

A small group of 15 people from Washington, D.C.'s ACT-UP asked for enough volunteers to join hands in a circle around the White House. Six thousand people showed up and circled the block three times. The marchers shouted "three more weeks: you're out" and "shame, shame, shame" as they circled the building, mirroring Cleve Jones' call for a strong community of women and men working together to change our world, to secure the future of all of us by replacing lives of despair with lives of joy and dignity.

This candle in the wind named Cleve Jones once hung a tapestry on the front of a building during a rally, staring a movement of compassion that continues to show the world what can be created out of bigotry and oppression.

The volunteers and staff who work with this man knew that the task of laying the entire Quilt at the base of the Washington Monument three weeks before an election was a mind-boggling concept as well as an astronomical task. Eighteen months ago, they began planning the logistics of the Monument display, and preparing for the influx of new Quilt panels they knew would arrive early this summer. They worked extended hours logging in each panel and entering it into their computer so it could be included in the "list of Names." The 3,000 new panels received during the weeks before they left for D.C. were put into groups of eight that make up the 12-foot squares, sewn together, and hemmed with canvas edging that was then grommeted every three feet so the panels could be linked together four at a time into 24-foot squares, and tied down against the wind. The NAMES PROJECT put out a call for help to lay walkways and panels during the display. Over 4,000 volunteers from across the country answered the call, traveling thousands of miles at their own expense to be a part of unfolding history. NAMES PROJECT staff left California with 20,064 panels and returned with over 22,000 — a testament in itself to the fact that thousands of people indeed care about this epidemic and want the needs of the epidemic met by our leaders.

To date, AIDS has cost us the lives of over 150,000 Americans. The devastation has only begun. But now they know.▼

Computer Bulletin Boards ...

Socializing in the 90's

by Andross
of MGW STAFF

You could be sitting in at the park, a bar or a coffee shop and see two people run into each other and begin saying things like this: "Hey Diplomat how are you doing?" "I'm great Squeeze, have you seen the Wanderer?" "No I think he went over to Perigrin's house to watch movies with Integra, The Arrow, and Nature Boy."

"The Arrow," "Mossimo," "Wanderer" and "Eternity" are friends who met on the board enjoying the Computer Pic Nic:

You might think the people were a little on the strange side. That isn't necessarily the case. These people are a part of a gay/lesbian modem network. There are several in Sacramento alone.

The system consists of a person with a personal computer and several modems at their house. They use a software developed by Robert Becquette named Acropolis.

A "User" would dial up the number to the system and a welcome screen appears. First time users are required to fill out a lengthy questionnaire consisting of many details, personal and otherwise. They would choose a handle such as "Diplomat" or "Wanderer" and that would become their identity on the system. Once a verification of age is made (some by a phone call, others via mail) a user has access to all sorts of innovative features.

The system is set up like a big building. There are rooms with several topics that anyone can comment on ranging from political topics all the down to erotica.

Other features available are private electronic mail, where you can start up a dialogue with any of the other users on the system. You can "browse" people and find out some general information about their physical attributes, likes and dislikes.

Most boards can support up to four users at a time. If someone you would like to communicate with is online you can directly "Yak" with them. The other user has the option to accept the yak or not. If so, a direct interaction takes place where what the yakker types on his/her computer can be seen immediately by the yakee and visa versa.

It is an excellent way to get in touch with others in the gay community, and as a member it can give you access to an entirely different form of socialization. Where as in the past you may have said, "Did you see Lisa at the coffee shop, she was really cute." Now you might say "Have you seen Lorelei? I browsed her and she sounded cute."

The anonymity of the concept allows many people who have not yet become comfortable with other homosexuals to have an outlet of support. I have known many people who first logged into the computer system before ever coming out to anyone. It is the safest way to communicate when you are unsure.

All sorts of people are a part of the "boards" including lawyers, political figures, television personalities and business owners.

There is a large body of support from primary users who have made themselves available at the picnics held and other gatherings. Many people go on to exchanging numbers and becoming great friends.

Although a "Sysop" (systems operator) and his/her "Aides" govern the system as best as possible, there still remains a negative aspect to the system.

The anonymity can be used by more deceptive people to try to take advantage of people. That is why when meeting people you do not know from the system you are recommended to meet them in person the same as if you were meeting a stranger from a personals ad.

What you get from the "board" really depends on you. If you are there merely to meet a lover, you will not get nearly as much out of it as it has to offer. Many close personal friends have met on the boards.

In this age of communication, modem accessing can prove to be quite fulfilling. Many have found jobs from reading "Job Market" room. Others have found support from such rooms as "Dear Everyone" or "Twelve Steps" among a few. There are places to find roommates, find out what is going on around town, and what people might have for sale.

Anyone owning a computer with a communication program and a modem can join the boards at little cost. Inexpensive computers, modems and programs can be purchased and used to log into the system.

The boards supporting the Lesbian/Gay/Bi community in Sacramento are Acropolis (967-5817), Parthenon (927-2702), Pegasus (966-0321), and AWOL (961-2896).▼

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Travel Guides or ...

How the Armchair Traveler Gets Around

reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
of MGW STAFF

Fall is in the air. Now is the time to think of trips to places you have always wanted to go and benefit from all the children being back in school and the discount prices that begin about now. Or plan for that date in the future to celebrate or take advantage of the two week vacation your employer has so graciously granted. Or, since you have to be in Cleveland anyway...

Being a good lesbian or gay man, you do not wish your visit to be the trip that your brother and his family took, you want accommodations that reflect your tastes, ones that cater to gays and lesbians and you want to know what resources are available in the city of your choice. So, you trek down to Lioness Books or Tower Books to pursue the travel guides before you call your favorite travel agent. Upon your arrival, you find that Damron's or Gaia's Guide are no longer the only selection on the shelf. We now have a multitude to choose between.

Here is a list of the eight current guides on the market:

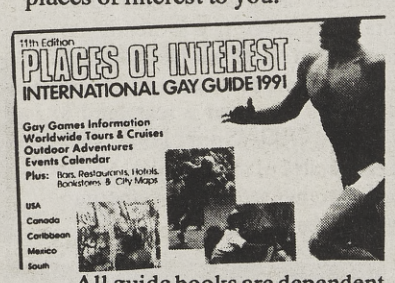
1) Bob Damron's Address Book, $12.95, pocket sized (3" by 6") Mostly men.
2) Women's Traveller, $10.00, pocket sized (4" by 7")
3) Places of Interest, $12.50, travel bag (8" by 4") Women & Men.
4) The Damron Road Atlas, $12.95, travel bag (11" by 4") Men.
5) Gaia's Guide, $12.95, travel bag (5" by 8")Women.
6) Spartacus Guide, $24.95, travel bag (5" by 8") Mostly men & women.
7) Gayellow Pages, $11.95, travel bag (5" by 8") Women & Men.
8) Inn Places, $14.95, travel bag (5" by 8") Women & Men.

Pick them all up and compare what is available or use this chart to determine what best fits your needs. (The numbers correspond to the listings above.)

No prices are included in any directory except Inn Places as prices change more frequently than publication, although all directories are updated yearly.

"Resources" include available information about local magazines, newspapers, AIDS resource centers, information lines, AA group meetings, religious group meetings, bookstores, television and radio programs.

A good way to determine if a guide book will meet your needs is to look at a city with which you are familiar and see if the book lists places of interest to you.



All guide books are dependent on the reader for corrections and additions. If you are fond of a particular restaurant or resort, and arewilling to share it with your closest friends, write to the publisher and let them know. By allowing other gays and lesbians to become aware of the existence of favorite spots, you will ensure it's success. The downside is, it will probably mean that you will have a longer wait for reservations.

Travel guides are great means to plan a trip, get around in a new city or sit back in a comfortable chair and dream of places to go and things to see.▼

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New "Boris" at S. F. Opera

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

A disappointing new production returned Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* to the SFO. Fine singing, however, rescued the day and resulted in a moving performance. Interest centered on the first local Boris (and his first in Russian) of James Morris, the reigning Wagnerian bass-baritone of our time. He brought many fine qualities to the role of the guilt-torn tsar: a commanding voice, towering stature, and fine acting ability. His voice had the sheer unforced power to give authority when needed, as when he invites everyone to his coronation feast or bemoans the problems plaguing Russia in his act II monologue. His acting revealed Boris' private humanity with his children yet displayed his public detachment as he retreated almost in panic from the outstretched hands of the beggars in the coronation scene. And yet, in spite of these good qualities, his Boris was not truly moving; it was good but not great. Lacking were the vocal subtleties that plumb the true depth and suffering of this man, tormented all his life for one crime. For example, he could not reduce his massive instrument to a *piano,* much less a whisper, in the death scene. Listen to Chaliapin's live-performance recording of this scene, made when he was 55, to hear the overwhelming emotional effect of an immense voice filling every corner of the house with the slenderest thread of tone. Hopefully James Morris will grow into this role with time. He sometimes sounded a bit hoarse, so perhaps he was not up to par. With this raw material, his Boris could be one of the great operatic characterizations of our time.

This was not a one-man show; nearly all the roles were exceedingly well-sung and acted. Tenor Mark Baker as Grigori-Dimitri would never pass for 20, but he sang with great security and conviction. Gwynne Howell's bass showed some of its age but he made up for that with emotional commitment to the role, and Susan Quittmeyer's creamy mezzosoprano was a joy as Marina. Wieslaw Ochman's powerful tenor made Prince Suisky a forceful threat rather than the sniveling whiner he can sometimes appear. The chorus sang powerfully but coordination was sometimes less than perfect.

The Shostakovich orchestration, with its dissonances and often brutal but exciting sound, replaced the tame Rimsky-Korsakov version. Unfortunately, the slow dragging tempos of Donald Runnicles' conducting offset these dramatic effects.

The Andrei Tarkovsky production, introduced at Covent Garden in 1983, is basically a one-set affair showing the decay, rather than the splendor, of tsarist Russia. Program notes tell us that the clutter along the sides is really the "debris of history," accumulating as the society tries unsuccessfully to create something lasting built upon an evil foundation, in this case Boris' murder of the tsarevich. Thoughtful as this may sound, the sets grew tiresome during this 4¼-hour opera, especially since it was nearly impossible to make out just what this clutter was. The scenes all looked about the same, so it was hard to distinguish the Kromy Forest from the splendor of the Kremlin! Splendid costumes helped offset the drabness of the sets.▼

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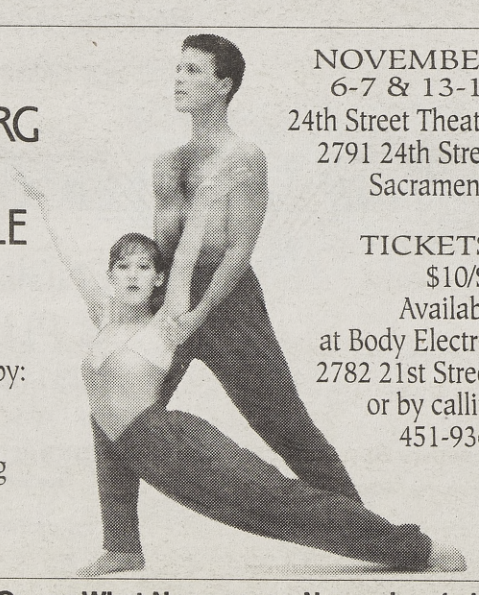

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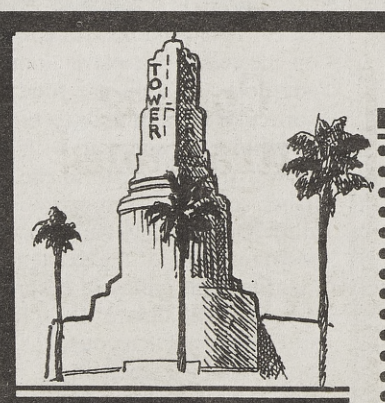

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Claire of the Moon Opens In Sacramento

by Aaron Marcus
Of MGW Staff

After six months of limited exhibition in film festivals and selected theatrical markets, *Claire of the Moon* finally opened this week at Sacramento's Tower Theater as part of its nationwide general release. The long-awaited film, billed as "one woman's journey into her sexual identity" is being called the first major Lesbian love story released since the landmark film, *Desert Hearts*, lit up screens over seven years ago.

Claire of the Moon is set at the annual Arcadia Women's Writer Retreat. "Clair Jabrowski" (Trisha Todd) and Dr. Noel Benedict (Karen Trumbo) find themselves trapped as the veritable "odd couple" when they are unwittingly paired in cabin #4 at the retreat. Through rap sessions and the imposed intimacy of their cabin assignment, Claire and Noel embark on a journey of self discovery that includes Noel's disclosure of her sexuality, and later Claire's acceptance of the emotional bonds that these two women can share.

Writer/director and co-producer Nicole Conn pounded out *Claire of the Moon* last year as a direct response to the frustration of attempting to work film projects through the Hollywood system. Originally conceived with a $30,000 budget shot on 16mm film, *Claire of the Moon* blossomed into a million-dollar project (and the luxury of 35mm film stock) after friends, associates in Conn's Portland, OR community saw the script and assembling production team and threw in their support.

Conn gave up her home for the production offices and primary location shots, with the cast and crew of 30 often waiting in line for the bathroom. The austerity of the production isn't reflected by the critical acclaim the film has received in test markets and film festival screenings: some markets have shown the film to be a dynamic contender as a mainstream success, with top-five grosses in several cities where the film has played this summer.

Claire of the Moon is not a political vehicle. Indeed, Conn says that as much as 20% of the lesbian community may have trouble with the film because it does not speak to political issues. The other 80% apparently can't see the movie enough. "We've got reports of women going back to see this film 7 or 8 times," Conn said, "and one woman has apparently seen it over 30."

In an interview with *Edge Magazine* (7/15/92), Conn addressed the responses the film has received with test audiences:

"We did an experiment with our test screenings in Los Angeles. We had 10 straight men, 10 gay men, 10 straight women and 10 lesbians ... without a doubt, the most difficult group we had were lesbians. Why? They attack it on a lot of different levels because they want it to be everything to them ...they want it to be a cross section of a lesbian nation.

"... the political lesbians are the worst ... they don't want us to be integrating into the mainstream ... this is a film, not a political statement. I'm a filmmaker, number one."

The political controversy surrounding *Claire of the Moon* kept it out of gay and lesbian film festivals in New York and San Francisco this past summer, but it has played to sell-out crowds in Austin, Provincetown and Los Angeles. In Los Angeles alone, over 200 people were turned away from one screening.

Though Landmark Films is coordinating the West-coast distribution of *Claire of the Moon*, getting the film out across the nation proved to be as difficult as the production. Conn, and co-producer Pamela Kuri hit the same "Hollywood mentality" experienced in conceiving the film and opted to work outside that system and distribute it themselves. In an interview with *MGW*, Conn said her primary drive for overseeing the distribution is to make a lesbian love story accessible throughout the nation.

"I want to give every Lesbian the opportunity to see this film," Conn said, "but it turns out that it's not just them who are enjoying it; straight people tend to love the film too, and straight men seem to be our number-one fans ... there's a real mainstream market for what we've done."

Claire of the Moon is set for a three-week run at the Tower Theaters in downtown Sacramento.▼

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In order for a same-sex partner to bequeath anything to his/her partner he/she must execute a will or a trust. An exception to this rule exists for assets held in joint ownership, a designation of transfer upon death, or a pay-on-death scheme.

A will is a person's declaration of how one desires their property to be disposed of after death. Such declarations are revocable during a lifetime, operative for no purpose until death, and applicable to the situation which exists at death. A will may also contain other declarations of the testator's desires as to what is to be done after death, so long as it is coupled with directions distributing some property.

Similarly, a trust is also a very versatile, effective, and efficient tool used in estate planning. Trusts can involve property, real or personal, held by one party, often the lover, for the benefit of the other or themselves. A trustee holds legal title "in trust" and is required to carry out specific duties with regard to the property. The trustor continues to hold equitable title to the asset. In other words, a contract arrangement is made in which the trustee agrees with the person creating the trust, the trustor, to manage and ultimately distribute the trustor's assets to the intended beneficiary in accordance with the trustor's wishes.

Living trusts, which contain an expression of the trustor's will, can be created to have either no effect until death, or conversely, to operate during the trustor's life. The benefit of setting up these trusts is that, if the trustor places assets into a trust during her lifetime, these assets will avoid probate. The other advantage is that the trust's flexibility allows complex plans to be carried out through the trust structure which would not otherwise be possible. For example, trusts can be drafted to give directions to a trustee to provide for care of a surviving parent as the need arises, but to ultimately distribute assets to a lover.

Conversely, both perfectly executed trusts and wills are subject to legal attack from disinherited relatives. In general, grounds for contest of these documents include mental incapacity, fraud, duress and undue influence. The homosexual or lesbian nature of the relationship is generally irrelevant to validity of the testamentary document, absent other grounds for contest. Yet, successful contests still occur premised on the sexual orientation of the parties. Although a same-sex relationship alone is not sufficient cause to disturb testamentary intent, courts look for evidence in the relationship of the parties to show that the testator's free will was supplanted. Successful contests arguing undue influence or fraud usually concern "illicit" relationships other than same-sex partnerships, such as bigamy and adultery. But, homophobic family members who focus on the sexual orientation of the parties may allege undue influence in order to challenge a will naming a lover as the beneficiary. These relatives may try to prove the beneficiary exerted enough pressure on the partner to destroy her free will. Thus, a partner creating a trust or will should include protective statements of intent. In addition, if a living trust is established and is in existence for a period of time, its mere existence discounts contests.▼

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Puppy Mills

by Joan B. Guertin
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I am mad! It takes a lot to make me lose my cool. I have never been an extremist, if anything, I always try to look on both sides of an issue, however, the Poodle Lady in Rio Linda has managed to do what few others have ... and that is to make me rip-snortin' MAD.

I became aware of her when a friend called me regarding two complaints from puppy buyers. Both had received sick puppies, one died, the other I ultimately got for training, a pitiful specimen of the breed. It was sold as a "Teacup" and weighs 15 pounds, the papers have yet to be given to the owner, and the pup is eight months old! My client described filthy premises, with a stench so strong that she could hardly wait to get out. She admitted that she never saw the mother, father or the actual living conditions the puppy came out of. Why did she take the pup? Sympathy! She couldn't bear to leave it there. Unfortunately that sympathy has cost her dearly, both financially and emotionally.

The reason that I am mad is that this same lady applied for and actually is being considered for a kennel license from Sacramento County! Everyone who cares about such things is working hard to prevent it, but she "complied" with the requirements, so with 60 breeding bitches ... A genuine puppy mill situation, she is liable to be licensed.

On the other side of the fence we have recently wound down the joint City/County Task Force on Pet over-population. Animal activists along with the SOCA submitted a minority report along with the Task Force report and the implications are that they are still pushing for "bans" on breeding of dogs and cats. I can't help but feel a bit confused at the possibility of a "commercial" dog breeder being licensed while those of us who have an occasional litter for the purpose of having something to show in the breed, obedience, herding tracking or agility competitions might lose that same privilege.

From where I sit it would appear that there are still issues that have not been clearly defined. We are not looking at blacks and whites here. There are no right or wrongs. However, there is a situation that needs clearer definition. I have bred

dogs in the past. With each litter I have tracked pedigrees, looked at progeny of particular sires and dams in order to produce a healthy, mentally sound and correct-to-the-standard puppy. I screen puppy buyers carefully. I have no desire to see any of the puppies that I produce go into homes where they will be shunted from pillar to post. I KNOW my breed and I have a good knowledge of the kind of person who can handle one of these dogs. I consider myself conscientious, responsible and ethical. In these times of rampant pet overpupulation I insist on the spaying and neutering of all pet/companion quality animals from my litter. I consider myself a hobby breeder/dog fancier and participate regularly in seminars to learn more about dogs and I actively participate in AKC events. My peers do likewise. Can Joe Blow or John Doe down the street turning out Rotties and Goldens as a cash crop say the same?

I would hope that some good comes out of the Task Forces' efforts. I hope that it opens the eyes of the community to the need for ongoing education and the need for both awareness and responsibility in the area of altering pet animals. And I would hope that the County acts responsibly in the matter of the Poodle Lady in Rio Linda so that we all don't pay the price of more over-population problems.▼

Include Your Pet In Your Family Evacuation Plan

More family pets would survive wildfires, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and human-made disasters, if pet owners would take a few simple precautionary steps. It's just a matter of putting your pets in the family disaster preparedness plan, suggests Gene Lock, of Reigning Cats & Dogs, a pet supply shop at 56th & H Street.

Taking your pet with you as a fire or storm approaches is much different from dragging out the dog leash or the cardboard carrier used to take the cat to the vet. Normally well behaved, trained pets can be terrified by sirens, the smell of smoke, unusual sounds and movements. Animals also quickly sense owners' anxiety and fear. Under hurried, stressful circumstances, pets may not respond in the normal way to commands or calls for quick movement.

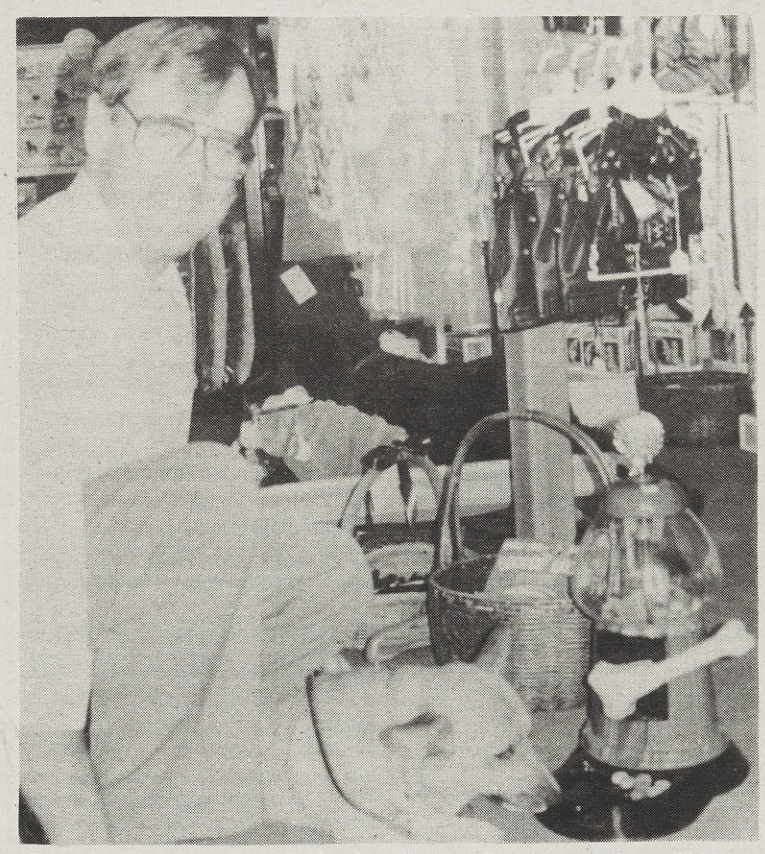
Save your pets:

1) In a forced evacuation situation, "you" can go to a shelter, like the Red Cross, your pet probably can't. Keep portable crates or airline-type carriers on hand. The crates should be large enough for your pet to live in for a few days. Transport your pets in their crates to prevent a panicked escape from your car.

Even if you can get your pets to an animal shelter or boarding kennel that's open, chances are it will be overflowing, and the crate may become home to your animal while it's there. Label the crate completely with your name and address.

2) Make sure your pets ,cats and dogs, each have a sturdy collar and indestructible identification tag. It's also wise to have a few temporary I.D. tags stored inside your crates, so you can put an alternative, temporary phone number on the tags.

"In the Oakland fire, pet ID tags with home phone numbers weren't much good, since the home and the phone were gone," said Lock. Temporary tags can be filled in with a ballpoint pen and attached to the pet's collar. Owners can also be traced through dog license tags should someone rescue your pet. You may also ask your vet about pet tattooing or microchipping, a relatively new ID technique now being used by some California animal shelters.



Gene Locke, owner of Reigning Cats & Dogs at 56th and H Sts.

If your cat is unaccustomed to wearing a collar, knows how to slip out of one, or is difficult to hold or handle, you may want to have a cat harness on hand.

3) Take a set of photos of your pet for the specific purpose of identification. Do full standing sideviews of each side, and include the tail. Do a close-up of the face. Do additional shots of any unusual markings. Keep a set of those photos in your house, but also put a second set in your office, your glove compartment, safe deposit box, or some other place you can get to them should you not be able to use the set in your house.

In a disaster situation, you're not going to be allowed back in until authorities deem it safe. Your pet could be on its own until then. Photos and ID tags will help reunite you and the animal.

4) Put a set of sturdy, unbreakable, tip-proof pet bowls in your pet's evacuation cage or kit. Include a water container. Most pets can go without food for a day or two, but not without water.

Finally, keep any required pet license up to date. A pet with a current license and rabies tag says, "Someone is looking for me."▼

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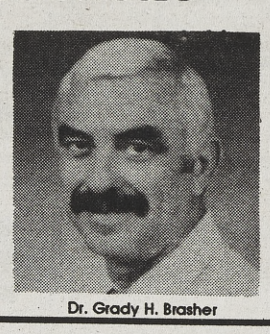

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calendar

NOVEMBER

▼ 1 - Sunday

Book Readings Susan Kelly-DeWitt, Mary Moore. $2-$5. 7:30 pm. Time Tested Books, 1114 21st St. 447-5696.

The Black Crowes/The Jayhawks. $22.50, 7:30 pm. Concord Pavilion. 923-BASS.

▼ 2 - Monday

Men's Coming Out Group 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

Common Sense Dog Training, beginning, intermediate. Johnson Springview Park, Rocklin. Joan Guertin, 485-2201

▼ 3 - Tuesday

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Cioppino Night, Elkhorn Station, Highway 16, W. Sac., created by famous MGW Chef Marghe Covino, 372-5068.

Common Sense Dog Training, Puppies, beginning, intermediate. Elk Grove High. Joan Guertin 485-2201

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▼ 4 - Wednesday

MGW Deadline 5 pm

Artists Reception Group show of oil and acrylic paintings. 5 - 7 pm. University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, 6000 J St. 278-6595.

Six By Chaplain Comedy shorts from 1915 - 1917. 7 & 9pm. Crest Theatre, 1013 K ST. 44-CREST.

Common Sense Dog Training, All classes. Cresta Park. Joan Guertin 485-2201.

▼ 5 - Thursday

Common Sense Dog Training, All Classes Curtis Park. Joan Guertin 485-2201

Sacramento Symphony on Tour, Michael Neuman Conductor. 7:30pm College of the Siskiyous, Weed. 649-0300.

GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro #B, S.F., 7pm, 415-861-4588.

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▼ 6 - Friday

Youth Group 5:45 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

Youth AA 8 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & 20th. 442-0185.

Cafe Lambda 8 pm to midnight. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

Gay-La 2 Broadway Our Way A fun evening of Broadway hits, Desserts and Champagne to support the Lambda Players. $15. 442-7752.

Ruth Roenberg Dance Ensemble modern dance. 8 pm $10. 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St. 451-9366.

Poison Gay/Lesbian Midnight Series. Tower Theatre, 16th & Broadway. 443-1982.

▼ 7 - Saturday

Tribute to Lesbian & Gay Veterans, 11 a.m., Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, State Capital Park, Speaker: SSG. Miriam Ben-Shalom, PO1 Keith Meinhold, Mayor-elect Joe Serna Jr, Sen. Leroy Greene. Sacramento Women's Chorus and The Sacramento Men's Chorus. Reception Buffet 1 - 3 pm MCC Grand Ballroom. 383-0940.

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Artists Reception "At Heart Level" recent works of Arthur Gonzalez. 7 - 9 pm, John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F st., Davis 756-3938.

Hollywood in the Hills, benefit auction for El Dorado Women's Center, with Teri Trovao, El Dorado Hills Community Center. 626-1450

Artist Reception "Earthskin: A Forest Project" Artist talk and reception 5 - 8 pm. IDEA Gallery, 3414 4th Ave. 452-0949.

Common Sense Dog Training, Beginning, Puppies, Advanced. Hillside Shopping Center. Joan Guertin 485-2201

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Artist Reception Bill Pugh Photography. 7 - 9 pm. Archival Framing, 1729 L St. 444-9624.

Sacramento Symphony on Tour, Michael Neuman Conductor. 8pm Sierra College, Roseville. 649-0300.

Artist Reception Philip Sciortino. 6 - 10 pm, Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd. 488-1211.

▼ 8 - Sunday

SACAPEX '92 Sacramento Philatelic Society's stamp show & exhibit. Free. 10 - 4:30 pm. Scotish Rite Temple, 6151 H St. 488-8392.

Sacramento Symphony on Tour, Michael Neuman Conductor. 8pm Community Center, Vacaville. 649-0300.

Recital Series Clarinetist Brian Schweickhardt. $8. 3 pm. Unitarian Universalist Society., 2425 Sierra Blvd. 483-9283.

▼ 9 - Monday

Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council, 7:30 p.m., County Administration Building, 7th & H Sts.; 448-0422.

Men's Coming Out Group 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

Mayor Anne Rudin Luncheon 11:30 am $20 Sacramento Community Center.

Substance Abuse & HIV, SAF Training Space, 920 20th St., 2nd flr., 7pm, 448-2437.

▼ 10 - Tuesday

Sacramento Symphony on Tour, Michael Neuman Conductor. 8pm Sierra Angels Camp Theatre. 649-0300.

▼ 11- Wednesday

The MENS Session Meeting Erotic Needs Safely 7 - 9 pm SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437

Men of All Colors (MAC) Rap Session. Discussion on coming-out experiences. 7 pm. Lambda Center, 19 & 20 sts. Greg, 441-7736.

Artists Reception Frank Damiano, Darryl Edwards, Michael Hough/Eric Wyss, Katherine Keefer. 6 -8 pm. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St. 448-8723.

▼ 12 - Thursday

SAGA IV Roller Skating Party 8:30-10:30 p.m., Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd., near Madison, $5; info: Tom 635-1535 or Keith 455-0986.

L/G Town Council meeting. 7:30 pm, County Administration Bldg., 7th & H sts 448-0422

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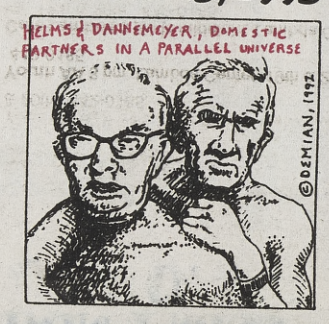

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Artists Reception & Lecture "Clearly Art: Pilchuck's Glass Legacy. Free. 5:30 - 8 pm, Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O sts, 264-5423.

▼ 13 - Friday

Youth Group 5:45 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

Youth AA 8 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, .442-0185.

Cafe Lambda 8 pm to midnight. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute 5th Annual Conference, Texas Gay Rodeo, Thru Nov. 15, Dallas, Los Angeles Airport Hilton, Los Angeles; $80-$190; 202/332-6483.

Southbay Leatherfest Billy De Frank Center, San Jose. Call for time and events, 408-929-SLUG.

Sacramento Pops "The Phantom of the Opera" with organist Dennis James and the Sacramento Symphony accompanying the silent film classic. 8 pm. CCT 649-0200.

Awards Night & Roast Stanislaus Empire, 9 pm National Guard Armory, 630 Rouse Ave, Modesto

Ruth Roenberg Dance Ensemble modern dance. 8 pm $10. 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St. 451-9366.

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UC Davis Presents Todd Palmer, Clarinet; 757-3199.

Artist Reception Monumental watercolors, Anne Gregory and friends. 4 - 6 pm, Kondos Art Galery, SCC 451-8815.

▼ 14 - Saturday

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Sacramento Symphony Raley's Family Concert 11am 649-0300.

Stanislaus Empire Coronation 92 6 pm, National Guard Armory, 630 Rouse Ave, Modesto.

Artist Reception Naif paintings by Rodrigo Lepe. 6 - 8 pm. 1928 L St. 446-2740.

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▼ 15 - Sunday

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▼ 16 - Monday

Men's Coming Out Group 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

▼ 18 - Wednesday

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Artists Reception Patty Urone, hand painted textiles. 5 - 7 pm. University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, 6000 J St. 278-6595.

SAGA IV Bingo Night. $5 for 3 cards. 7 - 10 pm. The Townhouse (upstairs). 1517 21 st St. Tom, 635-1535.

▼ 19 - Thursday

Causeway Concerto, Bonnie McNeely & Christopher Watson Dance Company. 8 p.m. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., Sac., tickets: $6-$10.

▼ 20 - Friday

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Youth AA 8 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, .442-0185.

Cafe Lambda 8 pm to midnight. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

Causeway Concerto, Bonnie McNeely & Christopher Watson Dance Company. 8 p.m. Reception following the performance. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., Sac., tickets: $6-$10.

Train for Hope Round trip train trip to Reno, proceeds to Hope House. Returns Sunday. $149 call 442-3832.

Cottages at Hedgebrook a film about an artist's community for women. 7 pm. Lioness Books, 2224 J St.

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▼ 21 - Saturday

Causeway Concerto, Bonnie McNeely & Christopher Watson Dance Company. 8 p.m. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., Sac., tickets: $6-$10.

Artist Reception Willi Kissmer, Aleah Koury, Karen Salee. 6 - 10 pm, Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd. 488-1211.

CSUS Chorus/Orchestra Festival 8 pm, Sacred Heart Church, 39th & J sts. 278-6805.

Judy Fjell & Crystal Reeves Songs of Freedom & Joy $8-$9. 8 pm The Palms. 726 Drummond, Davis. 923-BASS.

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Friday April 23
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Parent Coalition Banquet
Saturday April 24
Wedding Ceremony of Committment
Drag Show Extravaganza
Texas Two Step Part
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ARC Theatre Arts , 4700 College Oak DR. 484-8234. "Rosencrantz & Guilderstern." Feb 26 - Mar 6; "You Can't Take It With You," Apr 23 - May 1.

Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carm., 489-7529. "Other People's Money", Thru Nov. 29.

Crest Theatre 1013 K St. "International Tournee of Animation." Thru Nov 17.

Davis Comic Opera Company. Veteran's Memorial Theatre, 14th & B Sts, Davis.

Lambda Players Torch Song Trilogy" Jan. 8 - 30, YWCA Theatre, 1122 17th St., 442-7752,

The Sacramento Ballet Sac Comm Ctr . "The Nutcracker" Dec. 11 - 27, "Carmina Burana" Feb. 11 - 14, "Cinderella" Apr 8 - 11.

SAC City Actors Theater, 3835 Freeport ., 558-2228. "The Boyfriend, Nov. 13-Dec. 12.

Sacramento Theater Co., 1419 H St., 443-6722. "The Imigrant: A Hamilton County Album", thru Nov. 22;

The Show Below, 22nd & L St., 446-2787. "Equus", Nov. 13-Dec. 19. $13.

Studio Theate 127-a Bank St, Grass Valley 273-2730. "The Rainmaker" Thru Nov. 7.

Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 415-861-5079. "Without a Net" Nov 6 - 15. "Homo for the Holidays)", Nov. 14-Dec. 12. "A Snake in the Vein" Nov 19 - Dec 19. "The Thanksgiving Visitor" Nov 23. "A Christmas Memory" Dec 14. "Crying Holy" Jan 16 - Feb 20. "Jumping the Broom" Feb 11-28. "Living on Salvation Street" Mar 27 - May 1. "Coconut" Jun 3-26.

Tribad Productions, Five Corners Theatre, Petaluma 707-545-9806. "A Late Snow" Oct. 9 - 30.

University Theatre, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6368. "Les Liaisons Dangereuses", Nov. 6-22. "Severed Roots" Dec 3 - 12. "Boys From Syracuse" Mar. 5 -21. "Waiting For Godot" Mar 25 - Apr 3, "Metropolis" Apr 23 - May 9, "Mighty Gents" May 6 - 16,

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▼ 22 - Sunday

Aurora Music Ensemble presents Bach's Cantata No. 51. $4. 3 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 27th & O sts. 452-4380.

Book Readings Tom Schmidt, Mary Zeppa. $2-$5. 7:30 pm. Time Tested Books, 1114 21st St. 447-5696.

▼ 23 - Monday

Men's Coming Out Group 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

UC Davis presents Aequalis, 757-3199.

▼ 24 - Tuesday

AIDS Outreach Volunteer Training A continuing series of Safer Sex training for women and men. Lambda Community Center 6 - 9 pm 442-0185

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▼GALLERIES▼

ARC Art Gallery Dan Samborski paintings. Thru Nov. 16. 4700 College Oak Dr. 484-8433.

Archival Framing Gallery, B/W photography by Bill Pugh. nov. 3 - 27. 1729 L St., 444-9624.

Big Art Naif paintings by Rodrigo Lepe, Assemblages by Galeyn Williams. 1928 L St. 446-2740.

Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O St., 264-5423. "Clearly Art: Pilchuck's Glass Legacy" in the Herald Gallery. Nov 13 - Jan 3.

IDEA Gallery "EARTHSKIN: A forest Project" Nov 7 - Dec 19. 3414 4th Ave 452-0949

John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938. "At Heart Level" Arthur Ganzalez, recent works. Oct 31 - Nov 29.

Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211. "The Wolf Collection", "Space Spheres", "Mermaid Bronzes" Thru Nov 6. Philip Sciortino, Sculpture. Nov 7 - 20.

Kondos Art Gallery Monumental Watercolor, Anne Gregory and friends. Nov 9 - 25. SCC. 12th Ave & Freeport. 451-8815.

La Raza Galeria Posada, 704 O St., 446-5133.

Matrix Gallery. Membership Show. Thru Nov 13. 1725 I St., 95814, 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th, 448-8723. Miriam Davis, Paul Dipasqua, Julian Faulkner, Roy Tellefson, Thru Nov. 11. Frank Damiano, Darryl Edwards, Michael Hough/Eric Wyss, Katherine Keefer. Nov 11 - Dec 5.

Muffins Etc. "Personal Landscapes," Photographs of Deborah Goldstein. Thru Nov. 9th. 1404 28th St. 452-1829.

Richard L. Nelson Gallery, Dept. of Art, UC Davis, 752-8500. Selected Recent Acquisitions, various artists, thru Nov. 6. Selections from the Collection: Wayne Thiebaud Prints, thru Dec. 12. The Guerilla Girls Talk Back Nov 22 - Dec 29. Day Without Art (AIDS Awareness Day) Dec 1.

SAC Valley Photographic Art Center, 702 57th St., 95819.

The Shenandoah Gallery, Anthony Montanino, paintings, Christian Wieser, sculpture. Thru Jan 30. 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, CA, 209-245-4455.

University Union Exhibit Lounge, Group show, paintings in oils and acrylics. Thru Nov 6. Hand Painted Textiles. Nov. 9 - 25. Roger Slagle, Pen & Ink Drawings. Nov 30 - Dec 18. CSUS 6000 J St., 278-7250, 278-6595.

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